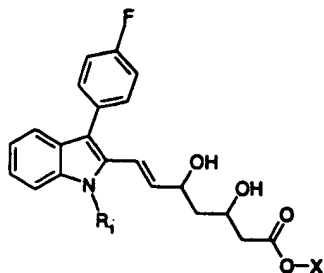


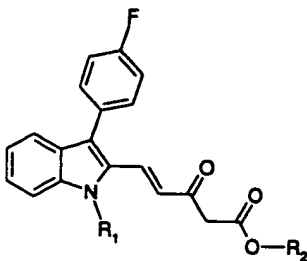
Abstract of the Disclosure

A process for the preparation of compounds of formula



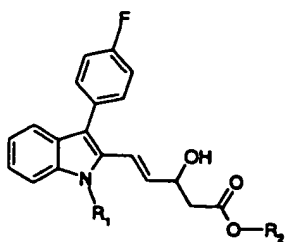
(1),

wherein R_1 is C_1 - C_8 alkyl and X is hydrogen, a hydrocarbon radical or a cation,
wherein a compound of formula



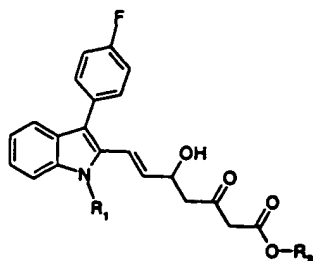
(2),

wherein R_1 is as defined above and R_2 is hydrogen or a hydrocarbon radical, is reduced, the resulting compound of formula



(3)

is reacted with a compound that introduces the radical of formula $-CH_2-COOR_3$, wherein R_3 has the meanings given above for R_2 , and the resulting compound of formula



(4)

is reduced and optionally hydrolysed.